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**Information Disclosure Statement**

In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants request that the following disclosures be made of record in the above-identified application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b). These references are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (**Exhibit C**). Copies of items 1-11 are attached hereto as **Exhibits 1-11**, respectively.

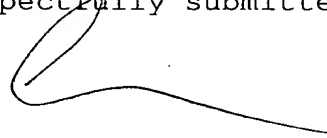
1. U.S. Publication No. 2003/0022381, Pandian et al. published January 30, 2003 (**Exhibit 1**);
2. U.S. Patent No. 6,339,143, Krichevsky et al. issued on January 15, 2002 (**Exhibit 2**);
3. U.S. Patent No. 6,500,627, O'Connor et al. issued on December 31, 2002 (**Exhibit 3**);
4. PCT International Publication No. WO 00/70094, published November 23, 2000 (**Exhibit 4**);
5. European Search Report dated November 20, 2002 (**Exhibit 5**);
6. Ehrlich P.H. and Moyle W.R. (1983) "Cooperative immunoassays: ultrasensitive assays with mixed monoclonal antibodies," Science 221:279-81 (**Exhibit 6**);
7. Ehrlich P.H. et al. (1982) "Mixing two monoclonal antibodies yields enhanced affinity for antigen," J. Immunol. 128(6):2709-13 (**Exhibit 7**);

8. Ehrlich P.H. et al. (1985) "Characterization and relative orientation of epitopes for monoclonal antibodies and antisera to human chorionic gonadotropin," Am. J. Reprod. Immunol. Microbiol. 8(2):48-54 (**Exhibit 8**);
9. Ehrlich P.H. et al. (1985) "Monoclonal antibodies to gonadotropin subunits," Methods Enzymol. 109:638-55 (**Exhibit 9**);
10. Elliott, M.M. et al. (1997) "Carbohydrate and peptide structure of the alpha and beta-subunits of human chorionic gonadotropin from normal and aberrant pregnancy and choriocarcinoma," Endocrine 7(1):15-32 (**Exhibit 10**); and
11. Kardana, A. et al. (1991) "The heterogeneity of human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG). I. Characterization of peptide heterogeneity in 13 individual preparations of hCG," Endocrinology 129(3):1541-50 (**Exhibit 11**).

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